[Mr. M. N. Pillai.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: The answer is in the negative.

Land Revenue Commissioner and Appointment of Deputy Tahsildars.

79. MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Land Revenue Commissioner has appointed a good number of Brahmins as Deputy Tahsildars in the month of Karkadakam last, overlooking the claims of others?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Five appointments of Deputy Tahsildars were made by the Land Revenue Commissioner in Karkadakam, 1097. The holders of two of these appointments were Brahmins. No legitimate claims were overlooked.

Appointments in the Land Revenue Department.

80. MR. M. N. PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have issued any general instructions as to the principles to be followed in giving promotions at the time of the recent general reorganisation of the Land Revenue department?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to furnish the Council with a statement, in the annexed form, of all the appointments made in the reorganisation of the above department, inclusive of fresh appointments and postings?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing the caste-war distribution of the clerical staff of the Land Revenue Department just before the reorganisation and of the supernumeraries after the reorganisation on the first day of Chingam, 1098?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to furnish a list showing the name and service of the clerks who were retained in the recent reorganisation though they have put in less than seven years' service and of those who have put in more than seven years, but who were thrown out as supernumeraries on the first day of Chingam, 1098?

(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing the names of those, if any, appointed as clerks and head accountants in the recent reorganisation, who had no permanent appointments before the reorganisation?

(*f*) Is there any rule laid down by the Government to the effect that the second grade clerks in the Land Revenue Commissioner's office and in the Division Cutcherries should be graduates only? If so, has it been strictly observed?

(*g*) (i) Is it a fact that the Land Revenue Commissioner permanently filled a few Deputy Tahsildars' posts, in contravention of Government orders, after the middle of Karkadakam, 1097, just before the reorganisation?

(ii) Has the matter been brought to the notice of the Government?

(iii) If so, what action has been taken by them?

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